

Application No.: 10/606,100

Supplemental Amendment Dated: September 16, 2007

Remarks/Arguments

Examiner Interview Summary

Applicants thank the Examiner for courtesies rendered in the 30 August 2007 personal examiner interview. Participating in the interview were Examiner John M. Hotaling, II, applicant James Michael Odom, and applicants' representative, Michael O. Scheinberg. No demonstrations were conducted. Independent claims 1 and 28 were discussed in relation to Hannan et al. Applicants explained the difference between Hannan et al. and the invention. Applicants indicated that they would file the claims prior to examination of the RCE.

Discussion

Claims 1, 4, 5, 8, 13, 15, 16, 19, and 28-39 are in the application. Claims 1 and 28 are in independent form.

Claim 28 is amended to more clearly differentiate over the references. Claim 28 clarifies "that the wagers do not know which participants are associated with the picked numbers when the numbers are picked so that the probability of a player winning the lottery is random" and "the winning lottery numbers being determined by the outcome of the competition." Similarly, claim 1 states that "the random numbers being assigned to the final participants after accepting the wager so that the wagerer does not know which participant corresponds to the one or more picked numbers when they are picked" and "the winning lottery data is determined by the outcome of the competition but the probability of a player winning is random."

As described in the July 9, 2007 Amendment, Hannan et al. is a skills-based wagering system in which players use their knowledge of the sporting event to choose winners. While Hannan et al. calls itself a "lottery," it is actually more similar to a wager, such as a quinella, because the probability of winning is not determined randomly, but by the bettor's skill.

Unlike a conventional Keno game, by having the outcome of the lottery determined by the competition, players in the lottery are motivated to watch the events and to root for certain participants in the hopes that their numbers will win. Players already having interest in the competition are motivated to purchase lottery tickets. Unlike Hannan et al., by having the random numbers assigned to the participants in the competition after the players choose their number, the probability of winning is random and not based on the skill of the player, because the chosen number are equally likely to be assigned to a favorite or a "dog" participant.

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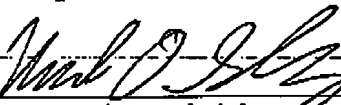
Applicants submit that the claims are patentable over the reference and respectfully
request reconsideration and allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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